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AFFAIRS IN CHILE.

The accounts received of the condition of affairs in the Republic of Chile are most conflicting and contradictory, the friends of each party endeavoring to make it appear that their own side is on the point of gaining the day.

In all this confusion of reports, it is however noticeable that dispatches dated from Valparaiso generally seem to lean towards the Government or President Balmaceda's side, while those from Buenos Ayres appear to favor the popular or so-called insurgent side. Thus the S. F. Bulletin reports from Valparaiso January 24th: "The revolted ships have been expelled from Chilean ports. The people and army support the Government which has taken severe measures against the insurgents. All the country condemns the revolted ships and asks that the authors of the revolt be punished." While a dispatch of the same day from Buenos Ayres states "the insurgents continue to gain strength and confidence. Workmen employed in the factories at Valparaiso are joining the insurgents. Large forces and sympathy seem to be with the rebels. Business paralyzed. The Government has declared the large towns in a state of siege." A telegram to the Alta from Buenos Ayres one day later (January 25th) reports that the rebels bombarded Coronel and that several persons were killed and wounded. The government troops are trying to surround the insurgents in the Coquimbo district." Other reports again represent several of the coast towns as blockaded by the insurgent navy, which is being closely watched by the naval forces of neutral powers. Admiral Latowe of the Chilean navy speaking in Paris said that if the army joined the movement the end of the revolution would only be a matter of a few days. He thought a conflict between army and navy entirely improbable.

A conference has been held between President Balmaceda and the fifteen deputies when it was hoped that the President would tender his resignation; he did not do so, however, and the conference had no result.

We should be inclined to credit the Buenos Ayres telegrams rather than those from Valparaiso, the former being more independent than the latter, which is at present in the hands of the Balmaceda party. Evidently the bulk of the Chilean navy is on the popular side, and Chile is exceptionally vulnerable from the sea, as all its produce, corn, coal, copper, other minerals, nitrates, etc., are produced near the coast, and all export as well as import trade is carried on by sea. Moreover, by a law passed in 1887 the regular army is not to exceed 5,885, supplemented by a National Guard of citizens numbering 47,774 so that it must be these latter who hold the balance in their hands. So that if the navy, National Guard and coast towns pronounce for the same cause, that cause seems likely to win.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SUGAR.

The First Output of the Factory at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER (B. C.), January 19. —The British Columbia Sugar Refinery of Vancouver turned out the first sample of yellow sugar to-day and will begin to-morrow manufacturing all grades of refined sugar.

The daily output will be 150 barrels. That manufactured to-day is an excellent quality, being much superior in color, grain and strength to some goods from refineries in Eastern Canada.

The refinery, which has been fitted up with the most approved machinery, has a capacity of 250 barrels a day, and the building has been erected with a view of adding five additional stories and doubling the output.

AIMS OF KALAKAUA.

He Was to Have Gone to Washington.

INTENDED INVESTMENT IN SAN DIEGO.

Fine Traits in His Character —He Was a Sincere Christian.

Colonel George W. Macfarlane, the late King Kalakaua's chamberlain, who was stricken with a severe attack of pleurisy caused by a cold caught during his visit to Southern California with the King, had so far recovered yesterday as to be able to leave his bed and walk about the garden surrounding the house on Howard street where he is staying. The chamberlain when seen yesterday by a Chronicle reporter expressed considerable sorrow and indignation over the reports that have been published concerning his late patron's habits of life and line of belief.

"Now, I will tell something about His Majesty," said the Colonel, "that the world does not know. In the first place his whole heart and soul was in having the provisions of the reciprocity treaty between the islands and the United States preserved intact and taken out of the operation of the McKinley bill. This was the true reason of his visit to this country. In fact, so much was he wrapped up in the matter that had not sickness overtaken him it was his intention to have gone to Washington on a flying visit in order to personally see the President and Secretary Blaine on the subject.

"He had purposely delayed his departure on the Charleston in order to be able to hear from his Minister at the capital. This he had confided to me as a secret, and had not his sickness overcome him he would, regardless of his weakened constitution have made the trip.

"He had a fear of the effects of the cold and terrible winters in the East, but had made up his mind to brave the consequences rather than return to Honolulu without having accomplished his purpose. He instructed me to telegraph to Mr. Carter to see the Secretary of State and ask his influence to have the President call the attention of Congress to the matter before the 4th of next March. The cause of his nervous condition was his intense anxiety over this matter. He was so earnest in the project that during the session of the last Hawaiian Legislature he would not countenance any legislation that would in the smallest way have a tendency to alter or interfere with the existing tariff treaty."

On being questioned in reference to the rumor that the Kahunas, or praying men of his people, were "praying him to death," and that the knowledge of that fact had such a depressing effect upon him that he had given up the fight against death and yielded to his fate, the chamberlain, on declaring the whole story an untruth, stated:

"In the first place the King by his education and association with the outer world was entirely above such superstitions. He would listen to the old Ali's, and then smile when they had left. To show how utterly groundless the story is, I will state that for some days before his death I did not allow His Majesty to see or read any of his letters from Honolulu. He, in fact, received no information whatever of the doings there, and could not possibly have known anything about such an absurdity, had it really happened. He knew nothing whatever about the appearance of a school of the alulana or redfish in the harbor of Honolulu after his departure, which is generally accepted by the Kanakas as the forerunner of the death of a member of the royal family.

"The King did not expect to die. On the contrary, he would not admit that he was sick to a degree greater than indisposition caused by the change in the climate. He was always cheerful, and when I urged upon him the necessity of absolute rest and the cancellation of all his engagements he smiled and said to his friends, 'George thinks I am sicker than I am.'"

"During his visit to San Diego he became very much infatuated with that country, and announced his intention of investing in land in that place, and a few days before his last illness instructed me to notify the Hawaiian Consul there that he would make arrangements on his return on the Charleston (he expected to come back on the cruiser) to secure some desirable lands there.

"He had also considerable schemes for the future in his kingdom, and has told me repeatedly that on his return he would lay aside \$45,000 a year out of his in-

come for the purpose of forming the nucleus of a great private estate, as well as putting a certain portion of the crown lands of the Kona district of Hawaii into a large coffee estate and organizing a corporation to control the same, taking the revenues of the lands in stock of the corporation. He also talked about certain leases of other crown lands that would expire this year, stating that he would not renew them, but would use the lands for the purpose of creating an agricultural settlement."

On the question of the late King's religious belief, the Colonel stated that he was a thorough Christian and had no sympathy whatever with the heathenish beliefs that had been charged against him; that he did not lead a dual life, but, on the contrary, was a Christian and intelligent gentleman.

"He was a member and a regular attendant of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Andrew in Honolulu and a communicant in that faith. True, he was a member of the Kilokilo Society of Honolulu, a society of natives that is somewhat akin to the Masons and carried on for the purpose of the perpetuation of the traditions and history of the people, but he simply had become a member for policy's sake, for fear that a refusal would offend his people.

"He never forgot the duties of his church, and during his stay in this city attended Trinity regularly, and attended communion service on the first Sunday after his arrival here."

Shortly before the King's departure from Honolulu he made his will, which was entrusted to Colonel Macfarlane and by him locked in a safe at the chamberlain's office. What it contains will not be known in Honolulu until the Colonel's arrival there. The King, according to the chamberlain, has left a considerable estate, his income being over \$100,000 a year, made up of his salary from the Government and \$60,000 derived from the income of the crown lands. This income will go to the new Queen, as it is inalienable, having been so since the time of Kamehameha III., who divided the lands into three parts, one-third going to the State, one-third to the people in apportionment, and one-third to the crown in perpetuum.

"There will be a special session of the Legislature called," continued the Colonel, "as soon as the death of the King is known; but that will be simply for the purpose of making a formal announcement of His Majesty's demise and the making of the necessary appropriations for the new Government. Of course, the Ministry will resign, but that will simply be in accordance with custom. They will be retained in office unless the new Queen desires the services of others. The Queen is an exceedingly intelligent woman—in fact, far above any of her line, and will make a good sovereign."

"The report that she would nominate a successor has no foundation. She cannot, for two reasons. First, her niece was nominated by the late King, and she can do nothing but ratify her nomination as heiress apparent; and, secondly, Kaulani is next in the direct line of succession."

The Colonel, while admitting that the new Queen had strong tendencies toward England, felt confident that she would in every particular carry out her brother's wishes as regards the reciprocity treaty with the United States.—[S. F. Chronicle, Jan. 26th.]

A Cable to Honolulu.

Messrs. G. W. McNear, J. F. Chapman and John D. Spreckels, the committee of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce to whom the project of a cable to Honolulu and New Zealand was referred, made a report in which they say:

We deem the interests of the United States and its merchants are paramount to the interests of all others in the Hawaiian Islands.

The citizens of that kingdom recognize the fact, and naturally look to the United States for aid in giving them cable communication with our continent, thereby facilitating its commerce and trade and securing a larger share of the same for this country.

Cable communication with the Pacific islands would be of great benefit to our nation, enabling us to communicate with its navy fleet stationed in the Pacific.

We think such a cable facilities should be under the control of the United States Government.

Preliminary to securing the desired cable, we recommend that the Congress of the United States be asked to furnish definite surveys and soundings and such other aid as may be necessary. We have prepared the following resolution.

A resolution covering those points and appended to the report was carried unanimously.—[S. F. Call.]

From Rome comes news that prominent Italian adherents of the holy see are much dissatisfied with the recent wholesale dismissal by the pope of Italian servants at the Vatican, and that his holiness has received a hint that it would be for his interest to dismiss the foreigners who have been engaged in the places of the dismissed Italians. The motive for dismissal was said to be that it had come to the knowledge of the pope that the Italian government had several spies among the servants in the Vatican.

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